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**1 – EPA DELAYS RULE TO CUT CARBON FROM NEW COAL POWER PLANTS, AP, 1/7/2015**

[http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US\\_EPA\\_COAL\\_RULES?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2015-01-07-12-49-07](http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_EPA_COAL_RULES?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2015-01-07-12-49-07)

The Obama administration on Wednesday said it would delay for months a final rule to control carbon dioxide emissions at new coal-fired power plants, thwarting for now one way the Republican-controlled Congress could have blocked the administration's plans on global warming.

**2 – Minden mayor goes on record opposing explosives cleanup plan at Camp Minden, KSLA, 1/7/2015**

<http://www.ksla.com/story/27788151/minden-mayor-goes-on-record-opposing-explosives-cleanup-plan-at-camp-minden>

Minden Mayor Tommy Davis has issued a statement regarding recent public concerns over the disposal plan for 15 million pounds of improperly stored propellant currently at Camp Minden.

**3 – For States That Don't File Carbon-Cutting Plans, E.P.A. Will Impose 'Model Rule', New York Times, 1/7/2015**

<http://www.nytimes.com/2015/01/08/us/politics/for-states-that-dont-file-carbon-cutting-plans-epa-will-impose-model-rule-.html?ref=earth&r=0>

The Environmental Protection Agency will force states to comply with a federal "model rule" to cut their carbon emissions if the states do not submit customized plans under the Obama administration's new climate change regulations, a senior official said Wednesday. Janet McCabe, the agency's top climate change official, said that the E.P.A. was creating the model rule with the expectation that some states would refuse to submit plans.

**4 – (Opinion) ENERGY MATTERS: Kick 'em while they are down, Odessa, America, 1/7/2015**

[http://www.oaoa.com/editorial/columns/opinion\\_columnist/article\\_3db5ed42-9692-11e4-ad54-8f27db219020.html](http://www.oaoa.com/editorial/columns/opinion_columnist/article_3db5ed42-9692-11e4-ad54-8f27db219020.html)

For the past six years, the oil and gas industry has served as a savior to the Obama presidency by providing the near-lone bright spot in economic growth. Increased U.S. oil-and-gas production has created millions of well-paying jobs and given us a new energy security.

**5 – Inhofe Says He Would Consider a Gas Tax Increase, New York Times, 1/7/2015**

<http://www.nytimes.com/politics/first-draft/2015/01/07/?entry=8112>

Add Senator James Inhofe, the conservative Republican from Oklahoma, to a small but growing list of senators who would consider backing an increase in the gasoline tax. Just don't call it a tax. In recent weeks, there has been a quiet drumbeat of senators expressing support for a move that has been viewed as a political third rail for more than 20 years – a hike in the nation's 18.4-cents-a-gallon gas tax, which was last raised in 1993.

**6 – State oil and gas seismologist: Don't blame wells for Irving's quakes, Dallas Morning News, 1/7/2015**

<http://www.dallasnews.com/news/20150107-update-irving-to-get-22-more-seismographs-after-12-confirmed-quakes-in-past-two-days.ece>

In an afternoon press conference, Craig Pearson, a seismologist for the state's oil and gas regulatory agency, reiterated his position that wastewater disposal wells in North Texas are not to be blamed for the rash of quakes in Irving and Dallas in recent weeks. The Texas Railroad Commission's Pearson, who has talked with SMU researchers but will not be conducting research, said he will review their findings and decide what action, if any, action oil and gas regulators need to make.

#### **7 – Fracking's fire, Beaumont Enterprise, 1/6/2015**

<http://www.beaumontenterprise.com/opinion/article/Fracking-s-fire-5997842.php>

At Rockefeller Center in New York City there sits a statue of the Greek titan Prometheus. According to legend, Prometheus brought the power of fire down from the heavens and gave it to mankind. The Greek gods punished the titan for his benevolence. That famous work of art befits Rockefeller Center.

#### **8 - Railroad Commission to review Irving quake data, Dallas Morning News, 1/7/2015**

<http://www.dallasnews.com/news/state/headlines/20150107-railroad-commission-to-review-irving-quake-data.ece>

A rash of earthquakes in Azle last year stirred concerns among residents about a possible connection to nearby oil and gas drilling — a connection that several studies have pinned as the trigger for earthquakes in other drilling-intensive areas. The state Railroad Commission, which regulates oil and gas drilling, hired a full-time seismologist to filter through data and answer whether wells drilled to drive wastewater from hydraulic fracturing deep into the earth are to blame for the quakes.

#### **9 – Oil-field Workers and Economists in Oklahoma Hope Crashing Crude Prices are a Blip, Not a Bust, State Impact, 1/8/2015**

<http://stateimpact.npr.org/oklahoma/2015/01/08/oil-field-workers-and-economists-in-oklahoma-hope-crashing-crude-prices-are-a-blip-not-a-bust/>

The sign on the front door says “closed,” but Pecan Creek Catering in New Cordell, Okla., is open for business. Out back, a tractor-trailer is being unloaded. Giant cans of green beans, tomatoes and mushrooms are hauled inside, where they're sorted and stacked on metal shelves.

#### **10 – State braces for another year of drought, ABQ Journal, 1/7/2015**

<http://www.beaumontenterprise.com/business/energy/article/BLM-postpones-oil-and-gas-lease-sale-5998761.php>

New Mexico is staring down the fifth consecutive year of drought, with the first runoff forecast of the year pointing to yet another year of low flows on the Rio Grande. Water managers cautioned that it is still early, with months left for mountain snows to catch up.

#### **11 Suit seeks EPA decision on oil field chemical disclosure, Houston Chron, 1/7/2015**

<http://fuelfix.com/blog/2015/01/07/suit-seeks-to-force-epa-decision-on-oil-field-chemical-disclosure/>

Environmentalists filed a lawsuit Wednesday to force federal regulators to decide whether they should require companies to disclose the toxic chemicals released during oil exploration and production. The lawsuit, filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, marks the latest attempt by environmentalists to make information public on pollution from oil and gas drilling amid a rush to sink more wells into Texas, North Dakota and other parts of the country.

#### **12 - Cleanup ongoing for 7,500-gallon oil spill, Victoria Advocate, 1/7/2015**

<https://www.victoriaadvocate.com/news/2015/jan/07/cleanup-ongoing-for-7500-gallon-oil-spill/>

A cleanup crew continued to scrape soil from a 7,500 gallon oil spill on state Highway 185 about four miles south of Victoria on Wednesday. On Saturday morning, the driver of a southbound Sun Coast Resources, Inc. cargo trailer drove off the east side of the roadway and into the median, where the vehicle rolled, spilling crude oil, according to the San Antonio Department of Public Safety communications office.

**13 Environmental science: Pollution patrol, Nature, 1/7/2015**

<http://www.nature.com/news/environmental-science-pollution-patrol-1.16654>

When winter descends on Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, the air turns foul. Here in the world's coldest capital city, residents light open fires of coal or wood to heat their uninsulated houses. Soot fills the skies, and people don face masks to ward off smog so thick it can hide buildings a few hundred metres away. "White clothing becomes grey after a few hours," says Munkhmandakh Myagmar, executive director of the Press Institute of Mongolia.

**14 - Coastal landowners helpless against erosion, Houma Today, 1/7/2015**

<http://www.houmatoday.com/article/20150107/ARTICLES/150109756?template=printpicart>

Coastal land loss isn't some distant topic for Tim Fanguy. It's a reality transpiring before his eyes. Fanguy, from Houma, owns a camp on 48 acres in Pointe-aux-Chenes. His camp is elevated as most are in the area, and as he stands on his porch, he gets a bird's eye view of the marsh around him.

**15- CARLA SONNTAG: Consumers pay big for environmental initiatives, Rio Rancho Observer, 1/7/2015**

[http://www.rrobserver.com/opinion/columns/article\\_16fe3818-95f1-11e4-86f2-0bbb91b687c3.html](http://www.rrobserver.com/opinion/columns/article_16fe3818-95f1-11e4-86f2-0bbb91b687c3.html)

There is a great deal of controversy regarding electricity generation in the PNM service area. Much of it has been in process for years, but as it hits the current news, tempers are flaring and inaccurate information is flying. The underlying cause of much of the controversy clearly goes back to overzealous environmental initiatives and it's important to understand why.

**16- 10 states say EPA tribal boundary ruling needs full review, Daily Republic, 1/7/2015**

<http://www.mitchellrepublic.com/news/nation/3650280-10-states-say-epa-tribal-boundary-ruling-needs-full-review>

en states are urging a federal appeals court to review from scratch the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's recent decision that Riverton and surrounding lands in Wyoming remain legally Indian Country. The states filed a brief this week with the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver. They are Alabama, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Utah.

**17- Petroplex attorney asks St. James president to withdraw stop-work order on Vacherie site, Advocate, 1/7/2015**

<http://theadvocate.com/csp/mediapool/sites/Advocate/assets/templates/FullStoryPrint.csp?cid=11268458#&preview=y>

An attorney for Petroplex International LLC asked St. James Parish President Timmy Roussel on Wednesday to revoke the stop-work order the parish issued a month ago and allow construction at the crude oil storage tank site to resume. Petroplex attorney Boyd Bryan also beseeched the Parish Council to adopt a new resolution, or amend its current resolution, to allow the corporation to continue construction of a liquid storage tank farm in Vacherie.

**18- Boys & Girls Club officials 'closely monitor' Whirlpool pollution movement, 1/7/15**

[http://www.thecitywire.com/node/36007#.VK6OEivF\\_uM](http://www.thecitywire.com/node/36007#.VK6OEivF_uM)

Jerry Glidewell has been concerned for more than six months about the small amounts of cancer-causing TCE pollution from Whirlpool's Fort Smith plant found under the Evans Boys & Girls Club property, but said so far

he is “comfortable” that the pollution is not a threat to the hundreds of children, parents and club employees who use the facility. Glidewell, executive director of the Fort Smith Boys & Girls Club, said other groups, including high school baseball and softball teams, also use the facility, which is one of four club locations in the city.